

Minutes of a meeting of the **Recreational & Cemetery Committee** of **Bingham Town Council** held in **The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham**, on **Tuesday, 31st January, 2012**, at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Stockwood - Chairman
 " P. Abbey.
 " M. Barham
 " Mrs. A. Bryan
 " F. Purdue-Horan
 " Mrs. M. Stockwood

1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

Apologies for Absence and Acceptance were received from Councillor F. Kerry.

2.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

3.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 29th November, 2011, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4.00 MATTERS ARISING:

01 F6543, 8.01 – War Grave Sign for Cemetery Railings

The War Graves Commission had confirmed that the sign is currently being redesigned and the Town Council will be contacted once the new design is available.

02 F6643 and 6644, 9.01 – 2012/2013 Budget

The 2012/2013 budget reflected an increase in relation to Sports Pitch Maintenance and a Play Equipment Reserve.

5.00 ACTION POINTS:

See attached Appendix 1.

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6.00 MATTERS RELATING TO PLAYINGFIELDS, PLAY AREAS AND OPEN SPACES, INCLUDING BUTT FIELD AND WYNHILL:

01 Linear Park – Update on Grizzled Skipper Project

It was agreed to support the work and request Friends of Linear Park to assist.

02 Butt Field Sports Ground

(a) Report on Problem with Wind Turbine

The Chairman reported that Butt Field Sports Clubs will keep the Town Council updated regarding a current problem with the wind turbine.

(b) Update on Chipping of Brash within Skateboard Park

The Clerk confirmed that a request for a contribution from the Crown Estate had been made in relation to chipping the shrubbery within the skateboard park due to the fact that some of it was from the bridleway.

03 Wallenfels Open Space

(a) Tree-Planting on Mallard and Goldcrest Close Boundaries

It was agreed to accept the offer of the planting project with Goldcrest Close boundary planting to be made denser and higher, whereas the Mallard Close boundary to be individual trees if possible; the plaque to be positioned on the Goldcrest Close boundary.

(b) Area Behind Bus Shelter

It was agreed that the current hedge on the Grantham Road boundary and to the rear of the bus shelter should be cut back to fence height, leaving any tall specimen trees in situ which fall within the hedge.

04 Wynhill Teen Play Area – Insurance Claim

The Clerk confirmed that the insurance company had accepted the claim for teen play equipment at Wynhill. However, it had been broken down into a theft and malicious damage claim which would attract an excess of £500.00. The Clerk to query whether monies could be spent on different play equipment as Councillors were concerned a like for like replacement would just lead to further claims, i.e. metal stolen for scrap, etc.

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7.00 MATTERS RELATING TO HILL DRIVE ALLOTMENTS:

01 Allotment Fees Increase

Complaints had been received about the proposed increase in allotment rents. Letters noted.

8.00 RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL'S LEISURE STRATEGY - UPDATE:

Councillors welcomed the Borough Council's commitment to the provision of leisure facilities in Bingham. The Clerk to confirm that the Town Council is eager to be involved in future discussions. Councillor Abbey gave a brief account of a user-forum meeting at Bingham Leisure Centre which was held on the 17th January, 2012, and confirmed concern was shown that if the leisure centre was built on a different site, provision would not necessarily be made for all the clubs which currently use the existing leisure centre. Preference at the forum meeting was shown for the new leisure centre being on the current site. At present there are nineteen clubs/groups using the Bingham Leisure Centre.

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

9.00 REQUEST FOR FREE-RUNNING FACILITIES:

A letter had been received from a young person requesting a free-running/parkour park in Bingham. A group of young people attended and took part in the meeting. They confirmed that some businesses had offered financial support, and reference was made to such a purpose-built park in Leicester. Councillors advised the young people to form a constituted body in order to be able to access grant-funding and to contact County Councillor Martin Suthers at Nottinghamshire County Council. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the Town Council would contact Nottinghamshire County Council's Youth Services. The Chairman confirmed that the old allotment site at Moor Lane was not suitable as it was contaminated land, and houses were to be built on the area referred to on Tythby Road. One suggested area for the facility was the teen play area at Wynhill.

It was

RECOMMENDED that the Committee supports, in principle, a parkour facility at Wynhill.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

10.00 REQUEST FOR GEOCACHING ON LINEAR PARK:

Councillors supported this idea. The Clerk to inform Friends of Linear Park.

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11.00 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

01 Complaint re. Shrubbery/Trees at Grizedale Grove

The Clerk confirmed work which was being undertaken, and Councillors agreed that this was the correct way to manage the site.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.44 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

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FOLIO REF.	DETAILS	ACTION TO BE TAKEN
Matters arising	Toothill School – Proposed Footpath Diversion Consultation.	Once consultation commences, meet with walking groups prior to responding.
	Leisure Centre	To consider any reports from R.B.C. in relation to future of Leisure Centres.
	Planned maintenance of play areas	To develop planned maintenance programme.
6517 item 7.01 6 th June 2011	Cemetery seats to be rubbed down	Commenced – good results.
6366 item 2.07 28 th Sept. 10	Parish Paths Report	Work completed on Footpath 7, Church Lane.
Folio 6559	Wallenfels Play Area – Impact Assessment	On-going – Other agencies preparing reports in relation to complaints they receive direct.
Folio 6560	B.F.S.C. – Purchase of kitchen equipment.	On-going £496 outstanding.
Folio 6560	B.F.S.C. – New water supply	On-going
Folio 6560	Butt Field Working Group	Councillors M. Stockwood and F. Purdue-Horan to address plaque for interior.
Folio 6561	Bio-diversity	On-going
Folio 6562	Wychwood Road Play Area	Grant application ongoing
Folio 6563	Wynhill Teen Play Area – Vandalism	On-going